

# GOETHALS WANTS DESTROYERS AT CANAL ENTRANCES

Request Prompted by Recent  
Activity of Belligerent  
Ships in Vicinity.

DISPOSITION SHOWN  
TO DISREGARD LAWS

Decides on Positive Measures to  
Preserve Waterway's  
Neutrality.

NEEDED FOR PATROL DUTY

Alleged Violations of Regulations  
Subject of Complaint to  
British Minister.

PANAMA, December 13.—Colonel George W. Goethals, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, announced to-day that his request that two swift American torpedo-boat destroyers be stationed at the entrances of the canal was prompted by recent activity of warships and colliers of the belligerent European nations in the vicinity of the waterways.

The action of the Australian collier Mallina in leaving Balboa without clearance papers, and the fact that other colliers have shown a disposition to disregard Canal Zone shipping laws, convinced Goethals that decisive measures should be taken to preserve the neutrality of the canal.

Nearly all the colliers in canal waters arrived without health certificates, and in several instances sailed without clearance papers. It is presumed the steamers met and coaled the Australian and English fleet, which concentrated recently in the vicinity of the Pearl Islands, which lie sixty miles southeast of Panama City.

The torpedo-boat destroyers requested by the Governor are expected to do patrol duty and overhaul belligerent craft attempting to disregard the canal regulations.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS  
SUBJECT TO COMPLAINT

Alleged violations of the canal shipping laws are said to have been the subject of complaint to Sir Claude C. Mallet, British minister to Panama, who has been asked to demand that the fortifications prevent neutral colliers remaining in ports of the zone in disregard of the orders of canal authorities.

In the case of the collier Mallina, it is stated that she arrived without clearance papers or a health certificate and with no coal or supplies. She attempted to buy \$5,000 worth of supplies, consisting largely of articles intended for Christmas dinner for a large force. She was refused the supplies and was ordered to depart because she refused to state her destination, as required by the Canal Zone laws. The collier's destination is pointed to as a similar case.

It is stated that there has been much wireless interference in canal waters on the part of eight colliers, which recently were in the vicinity of the canal, and also by large warship fleets reported to be within twenty-five miles of both ends of the canal.

GOETHALS'S REQUEST  
DROPS AS SURPRISE

WASHINGTON, December 13.—Colonel Goethals's request for two torpedo-boat destroyers came as a surprise to officials here, who had not received previous intimation that neutrality was being violated in the vicinity of the canal.

Secretary Daniels prepared to order destroyers from Charleston or from the west coast of Mexico. He did not intend to make the request a matter of public knowledge, and asked for further information.

SIX ESCAPE HANGMAN

Governor of Arizona Exercises Pardon Authority for Last Time.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., December 13.—There will be no hanging of men at Florence penitentiary December 19. Six persons, condemned by the action of the electorate in voting November 3 against abolition of capital punishment in Arizona, won yesterday the clemency of Governor Hunt.

The sentences of two men were commuted by the Governor just before he began preparing the election proclamation which would put into effect, among other measures the initiated law taking away his power of pardon and commutation. The case of another was referred back to the Supreme Court and the cases of the other three were referred to the Attorney-General.

NO END TO COAL STRIKE

Neither Miners Nor Operators Ready to Make Concessions.

KANSAS CITY, MO., December 13.—Ethelbert Stewart, representative of the Department of Labor, to-day declared that there was no possibility of an early settlement of labor troubles in the Hartford Valley mining district in Arkansas.

"Each side is trying to starve the other into submission, and neither is ready to make concessions," he declared.

Mr. Stewart, who has spent almost a month in the Arkansas coal fields, was here to-night, en route to Washington to present this report. He secured evidence, he asserted, of cruelty on the part of both the strikers and operators, but refused to comment further.

ARTHUR BRISBANE ILL

Condition Serious for Awhile, but Shows Some Improvement.

ATLANTA, GA., December 13.—Arthur Brisbane, editor of the New York Evening Journal, is ill at a local hotel. His condition was considered serious for a while, but physicians to-night said he was somewhat improved. Mr. Brisbane's New York physician is expected to arrive here to-morrow. The editor has been here since last Friday.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Reduced rates via Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. Tickets on sale December 16 to 25, December 31 and January 1. Good until January 6.

## SUFFRAGE BEQUEST IN PERIL

Grandchildren of Frank Leslie Sue for Widow's Million Gift.

NEW YORK, December 13.—Mrs. Frank Leslie's \$1,000,000 bequest to the cause of woman suffrage was attacked yesterday afternoon in two suits started in the Supreme Court by Florence L. Wellesbrod and Lonetta L. Hollander, grandchildren of Frank Leslie, the founder of the publishing firm which bears his name.

The plaintiffs in these suits demand \$400,000 each as their share of the estate, and also set forth that \$200,000—all that would be left of the money bequeathed by Mrs. Leslie to woman suffrage—should be paid to Frank Leslie, third, and Arthur Leslie, also grandchildren of Frank Leslie, first. The petitioners allege that Mrs. Frank Leslie was entitled to only one-third of the \$1,800,000 estate which she disposed of by will.

Mrs. Leslie's will provided that the residue of her estate be paid outright to Mrs. Charlie Chapman Catt. Although she imposed no restrictions upon Mrs. Catt, she expressed the hope in her will that the money would be spent for advancing woman suffrage.

## CECILIE OWNERS FILE ANSWER

Declare Carrying of Gold to Europe Would Have Been Illegal.

BOSTON, December 13.—The delivery by the German steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie of \$2,000,000 in gold coins at Cherbourg, France, and \$1,000,000 at Plymouth, Eng., would have been illegal, as it would have given aid to the enemies of Germany, the North German Lloyd Line owners of the steamer, declare in their answer filed yesterday to the libel brought by the National City Bank of New York for breach of contract. The bank seeks damages of \$135,000.

The steamer after sailing from New York with a shipment of gold made by the bank, turned back to Bar Harbor, Me., when menaced by hostile warships. The company claims that the return of the Cecilie to American waters was not only a justifiable precaution, but was also the performance of an obvious duty which the commander owed to the owners of the steamer, the passengers, the crew and the owners of the cargo.

## DIES AT ASHEVILLE

Chinese Railroad Man Had Gone There Seeking Health.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 13.—C. T. Tsai, of Canton, China, assistant director of the Peking-Kalgan Railway, died at a local sanitarium this morning following an extended illness, he coming to this city in search of health a few weeks ago. He was in America, as the representative of his country in the railroad condition in the United States, preparatory to making recommendations to the Chinese government for improvements in the service. Kollang Yin, second secretary of the Chinese legation at Washington, was at his bedside.

Mr. Tsai was taken ill at Washington two months ago while conferring with members of the legation. Physicians announced that cancer was the cause of his death. Mr. Tsai was thirty-one years old.

## WAR TAX STAMP WORTH \$500

Special Single Issue Authorized for Indianapolis Concern.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 13.—Federal authorities here, on authorization from the Internal Revenue Bureau at Washington, have obtained a single \$500 revenue stamp, which the Lyons, of Indianapolis, is required to go on a document connected with the expansion of the company's business. The local chief deputy informed the company that the largest revenue stamp he had was for \$2.

At this rate it would have cost 250 stamps for the document, which would have necessitated greatly enlarging the paper.

To meet the exigency the local chief deputy, William H. Smith, took the matter up with Washington with the result that to-morrow it will be delivered.

## GRAVE CONDITIONS IN ITALY

Government's Attention Called to Lack of Employment.

ROME, December 13 (12:35 P. M.).—Great masses of unemployed were seen throughout Italy to-day to call the government's attention to the grave situation being created by lack of employment and steady rise in foodstuffs.

Resolutions were adopted urging government relief and demanding particularly that large public works be undertaken. Committees were appointed to confer with the Cabinet.

## FOUR STATES UNDER FIRE

Women to Demand Vote in Campaign Next Year.

NEW YORK, December 13.—In the campaign for votes for women next year, in the States of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts, the work will be designated along individual lines, except for an interchange of speakers.

This decision was reached at a conference, Saturday, of suffrage workers from the oldest Methodist minister in the country, died to-day at the age of 105 years. He had lived in East Middlebury since his retirement after three-quarters of a century of service.

## BECOMES HEAD OF CHURCH

Frederick Smith Takes Father's Place With Latter-Day Saints.

INDEPENDENCE, MO., December 13.—Frederick Smith, president of the organized Church of Latter-Day Saints, who died on Thursday, was buried here to-day. In accordance with directions given by the patriarch on his death bed, the services were simple. His son, Frederick W. Smith, was designated by him as his successor, and the choice is expected to be confirmed to-morrow by the church's twelve apostles.

## DIES AT AGE OF 105 YEARS

Rev. S. W. Bidwell Said to Have Been Oldest Methodist Minister in Country.

MIDDLEBURY, VT., December 13.—The Rev. S. W. Bidwell, said to be the oldest Methodist minister in the country, died to-day at the age of 105 years. He had lived in East Middlebury since his retirement after three-quarters of a century of service.

## TO STUDY CAUSES OF WAR

Carnegie Endowment Will Begin Educational Campaign.

NEW YORK, December 13.—The Carnegie endowment for international peace announced to-night that it would begin an educational campaign this week for the better understanding of international relations by sending representatives to the leading colleges of the country to organize international study clubs. These clubs will study the fundamental causes of the European war, with the view of determining what political reconstruction is necessary if a repetition is to be avoided.

# CARRANZA'S REPLY TO UNITED STATES NOT DECIPHERED

Warned That Force Will Be  
Used to Stop Firing  
Across Border.

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Makes Statement That Threat-  
ened Move Will Be Consid-  
ered Unfriendly Act.

GUTIERREZ ALSO ANSWERS

Orders Absolute Cessation of Hostilities in Neighborhood of Naco.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—General Carranza's reply to the warning of the United States that force would be used, if necessary, to stop firing into American territory by belligerent Mexican factions, reached the State Department to-night, but will not be made public until to-morrow. Secretary Bryan said he did not know the nature of the reply, as it came in code and had not been deciphered.

The warning was communicated to both Carranza and Provisional President Gutierrez, as heads of the factions fighting at Naco, where bullets falling across the international boundary have killed a number of Americans. Gutierrez replied by dictating an order in the presence of Consul Stillman, that operations at Naco be stopped if necessary to put an end to the firing across the line.

Carranza, at Vera Cruz, declared in a statement last night that if the United States employed force to stop the firing at Naco, "it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives." The Carranza forces, he pointed out, have been on the defensive at Naco, with their backs to the line, and hence "it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing."

Eliseo Arredondo, just arrived in Washington to succeed Rafael Zubaran-Capmany as Carranza's confidential agent, issued a statement to-night declaring his chief's friendly attitude toward the United States.

## OF HOSTILITIES

MEXICO CITY, December 13 (via El Paso, December 13, delayed).—Provisional President Gutierrez, in an interview to the Associated Press, made this comment on the situation at Naco:

"I sincerely regret the troubles which have occurred along the northern border, in which Americans have been killed or wounded by stray bullets. I have ordered the absolute cessation of hostilities in the neighborhood of Naco, and I would proceed in a like manner should fighting occur at any other points along the border, even if such an order should jeopardize our cause. I realize that at any cost we must retain the friendship of Americans."

President Gutierrez to-day answered the note of Secretary Bryan, asking guarantees for refugees who left Vera Cruz under Carranza's guarantee to that port, and who now wish to re-enter Mexico by way of El Paso. Gutierrez assured the Washington government he would give full guarantees of safety to the refugees, and that he was confined to his bed, but is much improved in health.

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General Angeles has left Mexico City for Puebla with reinforcements. The troops under Zapata are besieging Puebla. They have cut off the water and light supply. All guards are all routes to prevent entrance of foodstuffs.

It is reported here that the Carranza troops which recently evacuated Pachuca are in a demoralized condition, and that many commands have dispersed for want of food.

## MAYTORENA'S AGENT

GETS GUTIERREZ ORDER

EL PASO, TEXAS, December 13.—It was learned here to-day that the order from President Gutierrez to General Maytorena that he cease firing in the vicinity of Naco, Ariz., has been delivered to agents of Maytorena at Naco, who are in close communication with their chief.

## THREE PERSONS INJURED

BY MEXICAN BULLETS

NACO, ARIZ., December 13.—Three persons were injured, one of them, Jose Martinez, seriously, by bullets from the battle at Naco, Sonora, which fell into this city to-day. Mrs. Martinez was hit by a bullet which penetrated the wall of her home. Her husband and one man were less seriously hurt.

The reported order from Provisional President Gutierrez for Governor Maytorena to cease his attacks if he endangered Americans, still is reported "not received."

Maytorena still purposes, it is said, to carry out his plans for a final attack on Tuesday. Meanwhile he is occupying his men with persistent firing from the south, which keeps American Naco in constant danger.

A carload of artillery ammunition was received by Maytorena to-day. The reinforced American border patrol under Brigadier-General Bliss continued its preparations for possible action.

# ALLIES PUSH GERMANS BACK; PAY DEARLY FOR SUCCESS



German Soldiers Sharing Food with Belgian War Wards. Two of the many little Belgian war wards, perhaps orphaned and made homeless by the war, being fed by two sympathetic soldiers of the Kaiser's army. The warriors are sharing their midday luncheon with the youngsters at an outpost near Antwerp.

## TAFT'S BUDGET PLAN OPPOSED IN CONGRESS

Members Look Upon It as an Effort to Anglicize Financial System.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—The budget plan of dealing with the nation's finances, as urged by former President Taft, in a speech in New York before the Lawyers' Club, is opposed in Congress. This was evident from views expressed to-day by those who know the feeling of the members of the Appropriations Committee of the two houses of Congress.

Chairman Fitzgerald, of the House committee, is not in Washington, but a responsible attaché and financial expert of the committee, who knows the views of his chief, said:

"Mr. Taft's plan was presented to Congress and investigated. It is a 'busted' idea, and will never be accepted. Congress looks upon it as an effort to Anglicize our financial system, and that cannot be done under our method of dealing with this problem. The budget plan has for its chief purpose giving to the executive supreme control over public expenditures, a control the Constitution vests in Congress, all power in that direction originating in the House of Representatives."

"The Cabinet has no constitutional power in the matter at all. Bluntly put, it means simply another attempt to further concentrate the power of government in the White House."

"The plan works all right in England, where the ministry is taken from the membership of the House of Commons, who are elected by the people. The reason the executive asks for this authority for the heads of departments is that the Constitution has not vested it in them. If Congress had voted every dollar during the past ten years our national debt would have been many hundreds of millions greater, and our system of taxation would have to be changed to provide the revenues to meet the enormous outlay."

Senator Warren, ranking Republican member of the Finance Committee, said: "It was not the intention of Mr. Taft's proposed budget to give the executive additional power. The proposal is to create a committee that would handle all the appropriations, and be in position to know the needs of every branch of the government, whereas now the revenues are provided by various committees not always pulling together in harmony."

## NATION'S FINAL TRIBUTE TO SERENO E. PAYNE

Simple Ceremony, Attended by Officials and Diplomats, Held in Capitol.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—The official life of the nation to-day paid tribute to Sereno E. Payne, the veteran New York member of the House of Representatives, who died here suddenly on Thursday night. Black-garbed legislators and executives, members of the judiciary in their official robes, and representatives here of foreign countries joined in the first formal funeral ceremony held in the House chamber in fifteen years.

The cloud of sorrow hung heaviest over a little group of legislative veterans, who sat together far in the rear of the chamber. They were the Republican "Old Guard," companions in arms of the dead statesman in the legislative battles of a quarter of a century. In their centre was former Speaker Cannon, and beside him ranged James H. McHenry, of Indiana; John Dwight, of New York; Ebenezer Hill, of Connecticut; and John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania.

The quiet strains of the funeral hymns, started unbidden tears to the eyes of the little group, and when the ceremony was done and hundreds had passed the flower-banked catafalque, the "Old Guard" stood together for a few moments before the open casket for a last look at the face of their dead comrade.

Neither President Wilson nor Vice-President Marshall attended the service, but both were represented.

The Senate entered the chamber, headed by Senator Thornton, acting president pro tem, and Secretary Bryan headed the Cabinet members. The galleries were filled.

The Rev. Henry D. Couden, D. D., chaplain of the House, opened the services with prayer. "Nearer, My God, to Thee" was sung by the quartet of Calvary Baptist Church, which Mr. Payne attended, and the Rev. Samuel H. Greene, pastor of the church, preached a sermon.

The quartet sang "Lead, Kindly Light," and the chaplain pronounced the benediction.

After the ceremony the body lay in state until late this afternoon, when, escorted by a committee of sixty members of the House and Senate, it was taken to Auburn, N. Y., the home of Mr. Payne.

## FATE OF GERMAN CRUISER DRESDEN STILL IN DOUBT

Argentine Government Receives Word That Vessel Arrives at Puerto Gallegos.

REPORTED AT MANY PLACES

Following Recent Engagement, Kaiser's Ship Escaped in Direction of Strait of Magellan, Being Pursued by British Fleet.

BUENOS AIRES, December 13.—The Argentine government has received word that the German cruiser Dresden has arrived at Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan. A dispatch from Puerto Gallegos, says a vessel has been sighted near there, surrounded by English ships.

The fate of the Dresden, the last of the squadron of five cruisers which was defeated by the British squadron off the Falkland Islands on December 8, still seems to be a matter of conjecture. Dispatches from Buenos Aires yesterday reported the Dresden stranded at Puerto Gallegos, while a Valparaiso dispatch said the Dresden had taken refuge in an inlet on the coast of Patagonia.

In the recent engagement, according to the official report, the German cruisers "Goeben," "Scharnhorst," "Leipzig" and "Nürnberg" were sunk. The Dresden escaped in the direction of the Strait of Magellan, and was pursued by the British.

Another German cruiser not accounted for, which, however, did not take part in the battle, is the Karlsruhe, and a recent dispatch from Buenos Aires said the German battle cruiser Von der Tann had reached the South Atlantic. There also are two or three merchantmen which have been converted into cruisers.

## "SILVERWARE" ROGERS HELD

Requisition of Deposits From Agents Bank of Fraud Charge.

CHICAGO, December 13.—George M. Rogers, of Philadelphia, alias "Silverware" Rogers, was under arrest here yesterday on a charge of using the mails to defraud. Miss Viola Hootthill, who, according to Federal authorities, is Rogers' associate, was held as a government witness on a bond of \$1,000.

Rogers, who left Philadelphia three weeks ago, operated a company which advertised for agents to sell a patented appliance and required all agents to deposit a guarantee fund of from \$500 to \$1,000. Federal authorities said he swindled many persons throughout the country.

# THEIR ADVANCE WON AT PRICE OF MANY LIVES

Berlin Report Admits They  
Have Crossed Line of  
Communication.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE  
IS MET AT EVERY POINT

Offensive Movement Against  
Invaders Is Rapidly Gather-  
ing Impetus.

BATTLES IN POLAND CONTINUE

Heavy Blows Are Being Delivered at  
Russian Centre—Servians  
Are Victorious.

## Violent Attacks by Germans Fail

THE Germans in Belgium agents are directing their attention to the central point of Ypres, where the French report several attacks of a violent nature by the German infantry have been repulsed. At both ends of the long front to the northeast of Ypres, and against the railway station at Arras, in Alsace, the failure of attempts by the Germans to advance is officially announced from Paris, which adds that an important advance by the French troops in the forest of Le Pretre has been made.

In the east the Russian general staff makes the declaration: "In the Mlawa region we have brought our offensive to a successful conclusion on the whole of the front."

The occupation of a German position near Przemysl in the retreat of the Germans toward the Eastern Prussian frontier also is announced. The situation south of Grodno remains without change, and the battle in that district continues. The Russian Staff is for satisfaction in the Russian front, where a German position was taken with important losses to the Germans.

In West Galicia, the Austrians claim to have defeated the Russians at Dunajew, and to have crossed the Carpathians.

Considerable doubt has been cast on reports of the first defeat of the German cruiser Dresden, one of the German squadron in the South Atlantic, recently "defeated" by British warships. The Argentine government has received advice that the Dresden has reached Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan, while Buenos Aires reports that a vessel, probably a German, has been sighted off Puerto Gallegos, surrounded by British ships.

The request of Governor Goethals, of the Panama Canal Zone, that torpedo-boat destroyers be sent to Panama was denied, and the purpose of curtailing the alleged activity of belligerent warships and colliers in the vicinity of the waterway.

Reports concerning the condition of Emperor William are contradictory. The Kaiser is reported to have improved to such an extent that he is expected to leave Berlin this week for the front. Another report says it will be necessary for him to undergo a throat operation.

Germany is reported to have advised Turkey to make amends to the British for the removal of the British consul at Hodeida, from the Italian consulate, where he had taken refuge. Italy has reiterated her demand for satisfaction and for immediate release of the consul.

LONDON, December 13.—Both the German and French official reports contain evidence that the allies' offensive movement is beginning to gather impetus, and is meeting with stubborn resistance. The French have been particularly active in the Woerwa region. At several points, the Germans have made counterattacks, which the French claim have been repulsed.

The German report shows that General Joffre's men have reached a point midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, which would mean that they had crossed the German line of communications. In these operations, the French lost heavily.

The battle in Poland continues almost without intermission, and while both Russians and Germans announce successes, apparently no decisive result has been reached. The Germans still are delivering heavy blows at the Russian centre, where they assert they took 11,000 prisoners and forty machine guns. South of Cracow, the Russians claim the capture of 4,000 prisoners, four guns and seven machine guns.

RUSSIAN FORCE HOLD CARPATHIAN PASSAGE

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The shattered Austrian right crossed the Idrina into Bosnia, where it was attacked by the Montenegrins near Visegrad and had to leave another toll of prisoners, killed, wounded and materials. Meantime, the Austrian army from Belgrade has attacked the Serbian right and been repulsed. It is unofficially reported that the Austrians are preparing to leave Belgrade.

That the former German cruiser Goeben, now owned by Turkey, was not seriously damaged as was reported in her brush with Russian cruisers, is shown by the fact that she took part in the recent attack on Batumi, the Russian Black Sea port. According to a Russian statement, little damage resulted from the bombardment.

Bulgaria, according to a Paris report, has expressed to the powers of the war.